

The Conference substitute adopts an amendment regarding Rhode Island dredging.

SECTION 1142. INTERIM PAYMENTS

The Senate bill contains no comparable provision.

The House amendment contains no comparable provision.

The Conference substitute adopts an amendment regarding interim payments.

SECTION 1143. OIL SPILL INFORMATION

The Senate bill contains no comparable provision.

The House amendment contains no comparable provision.

The Conference substitute adopts an amendment regarding oil spill information.

SECTION 1144. COMPLIANCE WITH OIL SPILL RESPONSE PLANS

The Senate bill contains no comparable provision.

The House amendment contains no comparable provision.

The Conference substitute adopts an amendment regarding oil spill response plans.

SECTION 1145. CLARIFICATION OF TANK VESSEL REQUIREMENTS

The Senate bill contains no comparable provision.

The House amendment contains no comparable provision.

The Conference substitute adopts an amendment regarding tank vessel requirements.

SECTION 1146. FISHING VESSEL EXEMPTION

The Senate bill contains no comparable provision.

The House amendment contains no comparable provision.

Section 1146 clarifies that the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW) does not apply to fishing vessels, including fishing vessels when they are operating as fish tender vessels. The STCW sets qualifications for masters, officers, and watchkeeping personnel on sea-going merchant ships, including the approximately 350 large U.S. merchant ships, and is not appropriate for fishing vessels or traditional fish tender operations.

SECTION 1147. BRIDGE DEEMED TO UNREASONABLY OBSTRUCT NAVIGATION

The Senate bill contains no comparable provision.

The House amendment contains no comparable provision.

The Conference Substitute deems the Sooline & Milwaukee Road Swing Bridge in Oshkosh, Wisconsin as an "unreasonable obstruction to navigation". This makes the vessel eligible for funding under the Truman-Hobbs Act, a program to fund the removal of these types of bridges that pose a threat to safe navigation of vessels.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

BUD SHUSTER,
DON YOUNG,
HOWARD COBLE,
TILLIE K. FOWLER,
BILL BAKER,
JAMES L. OBERSTAR,
BOB CLEMENT,
GLENN POSHARD,

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sec. 901 of the Senate bill, and sec. 430 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

HENRY HYDE,
BILL MCCOLLUM,

Managers on the Part of the House.

From the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

LARRY PRESSLER,
TED STEVENS,
SLADE GORTON,
TRENT LOTT,
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON,
OLYMPIA SNOWE,
JOHN ASHCROFT,
SPENCER ABRAHAM,
FRITZ HOLLINGS,
DANIEL INOUE,
JOHN F. KERRY,
JOHN BREAUX,
BYRON L. DORGAN,
RON WYDEN,

From the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

JOHN H. CHAFEE,
JOHN WARNER,
BOB SMITH,
LAUCH FAIRCLOTH,
JIM INHOFE,
MAX BAUCUS,
FRANK R. LAUTENBERG,
JOE LIEBERMAN,

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 4:30 p.m., on account of personal business.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after noon, on account of official business.

Mr. THOMPSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of an emergency in the district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McDERMOTT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GIBBONS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WOLF) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HANSEN, for 5 minutes, on September 28.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, on September 28.

Mr. McINNIS, for 5 minutes, on September 28.

Mr. LONGLEY, for 5 minutes, on September 28.

Mr. DICKEY, for 5 minutes, on September 28.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, for 5 minutes, on September 28.

Mr. PACKARD, for 5 minutes, September 28.

Mr. ROHRABACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BACHUS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COX of California, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DICKEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LATHAM, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McDERMOTT) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. JACOBS.

Mr. FILNER.

Mr. DELLUMS.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. WILLIAMS.

Ms. PELOSI.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Ms. KAPTUR.

Mr. GIBBONS.

Ms. SLAUGHTER.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Ms. LOFGREN.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. LEVIN.

Ms. ESHOO.

Mr. REED.

Mr. PALLONE.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. FAZIO.

Mr. DURBIN.

Mr. SANDERS.

Mr. HOYER.

Mr. TRAFICANT.

Mr. PASTOR.

Ms. MCCARTHY.

Mr. CLAY.

Ms. WATERS.

Mr. BREWSTER.

Mr. DOOLEY of California.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mr. KLINK.

Mr. ENGEL.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. ORTIZ.

Mr. ROEMER.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. RICHARDSON.

Ms. HARMAN.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. BENTSEN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WOLF) and to include extraneous matter:)